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Office Action Summary

Application No.

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Examiner

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 16 January 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 16-25 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 16-25 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 21 December 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☒ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 1/31/05, 3/11/05
- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____
- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

1. Applicant's election without traverse of group IV, a subcombination in the reply filed on 16 January 2007 is acknowledged. Applicant has canceled the claims drawn to the non-elected inventions. Therefore, the restriction requirement is withdrawn.

Information Disclosure Statement

2. The listing of references in the specification is not a proper information disclosure statement. 37 CFR 1.98(b) requires a list of all patents, publications, or other information submitted for consideration by the Office, and MPEP § 609.04(a) states, "the list may not be incorporated into the specification but must be submitted in a separate paper." The German language references are listed on page 2 of the specification. Therefore, unless the references have been cited by the examiner on form PTO-892, they have not been considered.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

4. Claims 21-25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by Sorrells, 4,358,913. Please refer to figures 10-22. '913, figure 20, discloses an adapter part **278** for aligning spectacle lenses, the spectacle lenses having a machined first side and a second side, the second side is provided with a first holder **30**, the adapter part

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comprising: an alignment reference, figure 21, **310** configured to position the first holder relative the adapter part; and markings **287** configured to align the spectacle lenses relative other structures; the alignment reference comprises a transverse web , figure 22; the adapter part comprises a collet chuck **278**; the transverse web is arranged in a cavity **296** in a side of the adapter part; the markings **287** are provided on another side of the adapter part opposite the side with the cavity.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

5. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which the subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

6. Claims 16-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Mandler, 5,951,376 in view of Sorrells, 4,358,913. '376 discloses the method of aligning an organic progressive spectacle lens comprising a machined first side and a second side, the second side of the spectacle lens is secured to a first holder by connecting material, the method comprising: positioning the first holder relative an adapter part, connecting the spectacle lens to the second holder; inserting the second holder in a retaining device; and removing the first holder and the connecting material.

'376 does not disclose using an adapter part comprising an alignment reference and a marking, wherein the positioning comprises aligning the first holder relative the alignment reference; and aligning the spectacle lens relative a second structure using the marking of the adapter part, or using a collet chuck. '913, as set forth in the

rejection under 35 USC 102(b), teaches using a collet chuck adapter to align a lens relative to a second structure, the chuck including an alignment reference and a marking, aligning the first holder relative to the reference, and using the marking to align the lens relative to a second structure. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill to have provided the process of '376 with the adapter taught by '913, figure 20 and column 15, lines 30 through column 17, lines 45, to accurately align the lens relative to a second holder without having to disconnect the lens from the first holder, thereby shortening processing time.

Conclusion

7. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Other similar lens alignment devices are cited of interest.

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Maurina Rachuba whose telephone number is 571 272 4493. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday.


If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Joseph Hail can be reached on 571 272 4485. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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